

# PURDY SAYS:

Why let so many of your little chickens die when Conkley's Butter-milk starting feed will save practically all of them?

# THE WEATHER.

While the great storm was on in Illinois last Sunday there was some rainfall here and the wind at times was quite heavy from the northeast. Since then it has been clearing up and warming up. We in Missouri are fortunate.

# Fourth Anniversary O. E. S.

The O. E. S. will celebrate their 4th anniversary at the regular meeting Friday evening, June 1st. A full attendance is expected. An interesting program is to occupy the time preceding the social hour.

# Circuit Court convenes next week.

There are 13 divorce cases for the June Term of the Circuit Court.

Gale Johnson, of the Montgomery City Herald, looked in upon The Message Friday.

Miss Ida Rush, living northwest of Mexico, has been spending a few days in town visiting friends.

J. F. Parker, of the east part of the county, is limping about on account of an injured knee.

T. W. Lambert and wife and Miss Edith Lambert attended the Sunday School Convention at Rush Hill this week.

Joseph B. Wakefield, the efficient superintendent of Trinity Methodist Sunday School, attended the Sunday School Convention at Rush Hill.

Rev. J. M. Hornback will fill his regular appointment at Trinity next Sunday. Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. Preaching at 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.

The Mexico Athletics will have for their opponents Sunday afternoon, the Columbia nine which is said to be one of the strongest teams in the league.

James Lipp, son of A. L. Lipp, who attended High School in Mexico the past year, is now getting an introduction to hard work on his father's farm near Molino.

Fred McClintic and wife, who have been boarding in Mexico, have gone to housekeeping on West Monroe street. McClintic is a lineman with the Bell Telephone Co.

John and Joseph Wakefield shipped their lambs to St. Louis last week, receiving \$16.90 per hundred, which was the highest price paid that day, the market being a little off.

Miss Margaret Torreyson has been elected as superintendent of the Martinsburg public schools. Miss Myrtle Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Roberts, of Mexico, will be one of the grade teachers.

Alfred Buff, a coal miner, convicted of wife murder in this county 16 years ago, hanged himself in Kansas City, Kansas, a few days. His second wife had had him arrested on the charge of choking her.

# NAVY DAY.

The Celebration in Mexico Tuesday Stirred up Enthusiasm—Large Attendance.

A large crowd—many strangers—attended Navy Day Celebration in Mexico Tuesday. Four jacks of the Navy were here and W. L. Tribbe and Judge G. B. Arnold, both of St. Louis, delivered addresses. The addresses were strong appeals for volunteers for the Navy.

The following signed up here as volunteers: Charles Guthrie, T. W. Ridgeway, J. W. Berrey, A. L. Ford and Merrett Llewellyn. Ridgeway, Berrey and Ford were rejected, on account of physical defect.

There was a concert of popular airs in the afternoon by McMillan Band, led by J. C. Stoy. Miss Maude Wallace led a chorus of children's voices in singing.

Mayor J. F. Harrison presided at the speaker's stand.

There were pictures of scenes in the Navy given free at the Lyric.

The Boy Scouts were active in endeavor to draw attention to the recruiting station.

It is thought a considerable number will have volunteered for the Navy here before the draft next Tuesday. Mexico women decoated the speakers' stand at the Court House.

Dr. Ned Rodes had on display the large American flag won at the Democratic rally in the county over the first election of Grover Cleveland in the fall of 1884.

# SAID ABOUT MEXICO

# AND OF MEXICANS.

Miss Neva Button is visiting her aunt Mrs. J. S. Logsdon, near Sturgeon.

Mexico has too many shade trees. Trim 'em higher or cut 'em out altogether.

You should see some of the town gardens. Russell Emmons will soon have new potatoes for his table.

Mrs. E. A. Stubblefield, of this city, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kennen, at Hot Springs, Ark. Prof. L. H. Strunk is arranging to attend summer school at the Teachers' College of Columbia University, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Logsdon of near Sturgeon visited the family of Mrs. Logsdon's father here this week, Mr. J. W. Rouse.

Rev. C. A. Mitchell of Mexico will preach at Beaver Dam Church Saturday at 2:30 p. m., and on Sunday at 3:00 p. m. Everybody invited.

Rev. J. M. Hornback and wife attended the Sunday School Convention at Rush Hill Tuesday and Wednesday.

John Wakefield went to Fayette Saturday to see his daughter, Miss Frances, who is attending Howard Payne College. He returned Sunday night.

Dr. F. M. Shoush is in Kirksville attending State Board Meeting. About 140 will take the examination for license to practice Osteopathy in the State of Missouri.

W. W. Johnson stepped on a nail a few days ago, the sharp point of the nail up. Said nail made a deep penetration and Mr. Johnson has been quite a sufferer in consequence.

The Court House should have a large American flag flying at one of its corners. Suppose one of the ladies' organizations of the town take up that order. They can make it go.

Mrs. J. F. Jolley of this city had two relatives in the path of the great storm at Mattoon, Ill., last week, her mother and sister. Mrs. Jolley had a telegram late Tuesday announcing that they escaped uninjured.

Dr. T. H. Winans of this city has been invited by the Physical Culture Magazine of New York City to enter a contest for the best article written on the subject, "Wanted—Something Better Than Serum Therapy."

Mexico District Epworth League will hold a two days' session at McCredle Tuesday and Wednesday, June 19 and 20. Rev. S. W. Hayne here and Capt. S. J. Savage and Miss Emma McPheeters have places on the program.

The Red Cross organization has been abandoned since Miss Ranz left us and sailed across the seas to duties in France. Mexico will organize a First-Aid-to-the-Injured class. This idea was agreed upon at the meeting of the Federated Clubs Monday.

The Woman's Missionary Societies of Mexico Circuit will hold an all day session at the parsonage, 322 West Maple St., next Wednesday, June 6th. All of the members of the societies as well as the lady members of the church are desired at this meeting.

The Mexico Land Co. has been organized. The members are E. R. Locke, Herbert Pryor and Wm. Vandeventer. They have secured 1,760 acres in a body near Piggett, Ark. Mr. Vandeventer is now down there with a force of 45 men clearing it of timber and getting it ready for the market—to be sold in small tracts. The land is as rich as the Valley of the Nile, it is said. It lies near the Missouri line in the northeast part of Arkansas.

# POST-GRADUATE RECITAL.

Those who attended the Post-Graduate Recital at Hardin College Monday evening, May 28, listened to a program of rare excellence. The post-graduates were Miss Jane Rodgers and Miss Marguerite Thomas, with Miss Morna Wilson playing orchestral part on second piano.

Miss Thomas' repertoire included selections from La Forge, Cyril Scott, Mendelssohn, and Poldini. The number which gave greatest scope to the varied talent of Miss Thomas was Concert-Arabsques, from Schulz-Evler.

Miss Rodgers' selections were from F. Hiller, C. Reinecke, and Chopin, and her technique was fine. These pupils of Mr. Guerne reflect great credit upon their teacher and upon the excellent conservatory of Hardin College.

# MR. RIXEY DEAD.

W. Hardin Rixey, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rixey of this city, was found in a helpless condition on 6th and Olive streets in St. Louis Monday evening. He was taken to a hospital where he died. The word did not come to Mexico until yesterday. He was about 38 years old and leaves a wife and three children. The children are Sims, Harold and Frances.

As we go to press we have heard of no further particulars.

# CO-OPERATION AMONG

# THE FARMERS

Do I believe in co-operation among farmers? Yes; and I will give you some of my reasons.

I said I believed the farmers were using their full working power, and I believe we are all working as hard as we have any business working, but are we all working to the very best advantage at all times? No; of course not. We all make mistakes, and many of us are making mistakes that our neighbors have made before us. If we had a good live farmer's club in each school district and would all attend its meetings and give each other our experiences many of these costly mistakes might be avoided.

A little good practical advice now and then is good for the wisest of us, and at the Farmers' Club is a good place to get it. It will beat the farm adviser route nearly every time.

The farmers at their club meetings can plan and perfect better methods of conducting their business of farming, just as the merchants devise better means of conducting their stores, at their commercial club meetings.

If you don't believe a commercial club is a good thing for a town just stop and take special notice of a town "before and after taking." And if a commercial club helps a town why wouldn't a farmers' club help a farming community? It will if it has the right kind of members.

It is a fact that the farmer has little or nothing to do with fixing the price of his own products. This is not as it should be and is one of the conditions we hope to better if we ever get the farmers organized well enough. Not that we expect to go on a big strike, we do not like strikes and wish to avoid anything that looks like a strike if possible. But perhaps we can get it in some better way, and it will take time and patience to do it.

So, until we can have something to say about the prices we shall receive it behooves us to keep down expenses as low as possible, and here is where the farmers' club comes in.

Don't you believe that if you could buy your seed a little cheaper it would reduce your planting cost? That if you could buy your twine a little cheaper it would reduce your harvesting cost? That if you could buy your coal cheaper it would reduce your threshing cost? That if you could buy your mill feeds and hay cheaper it would reduce your feeding cost and leave you more profit on your hogs, cattle and sheep? And don't you believe that by co-operating with your neighbors and buying these things and many others in large quantities you can buy them cheaper? If you don't just stay with me a little longer and I will show you that we are doing it. The more members we can get into this county-wide and State-wide organization the larger becomes our buying and selling powers and the larger becomes the saving.

The larger the quantity we can handle the nearer we can go to the fount of supply to buy our supplies and the less handling expense there will be to pay.

The same is true of selling. The larger quantities we can assemble of any farm product the better market we can find.

In other words, by organization we expect to shorten the route from producer to consumer and make a profit for the producer and a saving for the consumer, no matter on which side of the fence we are.

I said that I would show you that we are saving money for our members. Well, here it is: On Wednesday, May 2nd, we organized the Dye District Farmers' Club, and the first saving we made was on cane seed. Dealers were all asking \$4.50 per bushel. We bought all the club needed (9 bushels) at \$3.00, saving \$13.50. Then we bought our twine, 1,400 pounds, at one-fourth cent less per pound than we could possibly have bought it singly, saving \$3.50. Next we bought our threshing coal, 1,000 bushels, at 12 1-2 cents delivered at our station. Figure it at the present retail price, 21 cents, and there is a saving of \$85, and if we were not organized most of us would probably have waited until threshing time and paid more yet for it.

There is a saving of \$102.00 the first month for the fifteen members.

W. I. BRITT.

"Overcome evil with good." It would be good to "overcome" the gangsters who are robbing the newspaper men in their charges for news print paper. Send 'em to jail with the copper kings.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff. Lewellen of near Vandalla visited Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Grafford of this city last week.

Little Francis Hopkins, the 5-year-old daughter of Mrs. Veta Hopkins, died at the home of the grandmother, Mrs. Carlyle, in Northwest Mexico, Monday. The child had pneumonia following measles. The funeral was held at 3:00 p. m. Wednesday.

# Foster's Opening Day!

Open for Business Today, May 31st, at 9:00 a. m.

I have a complete stock of Dry Goods, Hosiery, Underwear, Etc., which I have marked at the lowest possible price.

I will be pleased to have you here on the opening day and often thereafter.

**H. A. FOSTER D. G. CO.**

Poisson Stand

Mexico, Missouri

# ANNUAL RECITAL GIVEN.

The Annual Recital given by the pupils of Mrs. Abbie Snoddy was held at the Llewellyn home, North Jefferson street, Tuesday afternoon. There are about 35 members in the class, and the program was varied and interesting and most cleverly sustained by each and every member.

The mothers were present in goodly number and had reason to be proud of their boys and girls and of the good fortune of having a teacher of such a high order of proficiency. Mrs. Snoddy, a graduate of Hardin, with post-graduate work under Guerne, has continued her training by a course at the New England Conservatory; and by a year's work on Theory at the Cincinnati Conservatory, and at present is pursuing a course under Kroeger in St. Louis. From the Kroeger Conservatory she will graduate in June of this year. By request she gave a selection from Ernest Kroeger, "Arabesque," which gave fitting close to the program.

Three prizes were awarded for meritorious work, the winners being Jack Paul, Vallie Bush and Irene Springer.

At the close punch and wafers were served and mothers and friends joined in the social hour.

The following was the program: Duet, Pure as Snow, by Lange. Misses Gladys Kistler and Gladys Dowell.

Artist's Life Waltz, Strauss-Bohm. Mr. Philip Bell.

Duet, "Serenade," Behr. Misses Mary Louise Hawthorne and Vallie Bush.

The Fairy, Jaell. Miss India Johnson.

Fairy Schottische, Streabbog. Miss Una Biggers.

Duet, from Il Trovatore. Miss Louise Paul and Mr. Jack Paul.

Holy Night, transcription by Krug. Miss Irene Springer.

The Hornpipe Polka, F. Smith. Miss Vallie Bush.

Song, "Little Boy Blue," Nevin. Mr. Philip Bell.

Echoes of the Ball, Gillet. Mary Leah Carter.

The Dying Poet, Gottschalk. Alicia Hopkins.

The Violet, Lichner. Miss Margaret Selb.

Spanish Dance. Miss Ida Bush.

Soldiers' March, Becker. Miss Lillian Flynt.

The Rosary, transcription for piano. Nevin. Miss Gladys Kistler.

By the Brookside, Tours. Neva Rockwell.

Impromptu in Ab, Schubert. Miss Marie Fairchild.

La Scintilla, Gottschalk. Miss Alice Lee Springer.

Duet, March Militaire, Schubert. Misses Rockwell and Mildred.

# Weekly Market Letter

(Furnished by Woodson-Fennelwald L. Com. Co., Nat'l Stock Yds., Ill.)

National Stock Yards, Ill., May 29, 1917.—Cattle receipts have been liberal this week, market is 15c to 20c lower on good to choice kinds, while medium, half-fat kinds are 40 to 50c lower, canners and cutters are 75c to \$1.00 lower than a week ago. There have been no strictly choice cattle here this week.

Choice light heifers \$11.25 to \$12; good \$10.00 to \$10.75; medium; \$9.00 to \$9.75; fair \$8.25 to \$8.75. Sheep receipts 3,000, market 25c lower on sheep bulk selling \$13.25; clipped lambs \$1.25 lower than the high time last week. Top today on choice kinds \$15.75; spring lambs \$1.00 lower, bulk \$15.50 to \$19.00.

Hog receipts 10,000, market 25 to 35c lower. Best butcher and heavy hogs \$15.60 to \$15.75; good mixed, packing and shipping hogs \$15.25 to \$15.50.

# AUDRAIN S. S. CONVENTION.

Profitable Gathering at Rush Hill This Week—Some Ringing Resolutions Adopted.

The convention opened Tuesday afternoon with President C. M. Fox in the chair. Inspiring talks were made by Mr. Herman Bomar, Miss Harriet Beard and Rev. H. P. Atkins. A large crowd greeted these speakers.

In the evening Rev. L. B. Arvin of Vandalla and Mr. Herman Bomar were the speakers.

Wednesday morning Rev. Atkins continued his Bible Studies and Miss Beard and Mr. Bomar delivered addresses.

Committees reported. Bethel Presbyterian Church was chosen as the meeting place next year. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President C. M. Fox; vice-president, Mitchell White; secretary, Ruth Cook; assistant secretary, Pauline Flynt; treasurer, Frank Erlsman;

Superintendent—Elementary; Josephine Wallace; Secondary, Helen Carter; Adult, S. P. Cunningham; Teacher-Training, Mrs. W. W. Botts; Management, Will Daniels.

The ladies of Rush Hill served dinner and supper at the church.

The following resolutions were adopted:

We desire to express our appreciation to the churches of Rush Hill for use of buildings, to the people for their hospitality, especially to the women who have served meals at the church to the State and County Officers and all local committees, and to all of the speakers who have participated in the program.

Whereas, the conservation of grain and all food products is of such great importance to the United States and her allies during the war, and

Whereas, some of the warring nations have proved that National prohibition is a National necessity in time of war,

Be it Resolved, That the Audrain County Sunday School Association favors Nation-wide prohibition of the liquor traffic.

That a copy of this resolution be sent to President Wilson and our Representatives in Congress.

Considering the fact that no Sunday School is now considered complete unless it has Cradle Rolls, Home Departments, Teacher Training Class and organized teen-age and adult classes, and also that no denominational boards will recognize its standard without these points, we urge its adoption as rapidly as possible by each school in the county.

Looking to that end we endorse the goal for this year recommended by our county officers of Cradle Rolls in 80 per cent of our Sunday Schools, Home Departments in 40 per cent and Teacher Training in 20 per cent. Believing that graded instruction in every way over the uniform lessons, especially with younger children, and urge each school to investigate the International Graded Lessons, now put out by every denominational publishing house, with a view of beginning the use of same October 1, 1917.

We recommend the continuance of our custom of sending our county secretary to the International Training School at Lake Geneva; one-half of her expense to be paid by the County Association, estimated at \$25.00.

REV. WOOD,

VAL ERDEL,

REV. J. M. HORNBACK,

Committee.

The report of the committee was adopted with special emphasis on the prohibition clause.

Mrs. Edith Gray, of St. Charles, attended commencement exercises at McMillan Friday night. She was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. O. McGee.

# FARM AND STOCK.

A. N. Day, northwest of Mexico, sold a load of clipped lambs last week at the top price, \$17.00.

George Dean, out near Skinner, uses his automobile in drawing his harrow in putting in his crop.

Winb Bros., northwest of Mexico, topped the market Wednesday of last week with clipped lambs that brot \$17.00.

O. B. Melahn, up this side of Centalla, says he has 65 acres of corn planted. Part of it up and he will start cultivating this week.

Egbert Miller sold Fred Roberts three loads of hogs for the sum of \$825. Twenty of the hogs averaged 265 pounds in weight and brought \$15.75.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 26.—Spring lambs sold for \$20 a hundred pounds, the highest ever paid here on the open market.

C. A. Candy, out northwest of Thompson, says the rats have been taking up his corn. The rodents ravished one piece so badly that he will have to plant it over.

"Uncle Jimmie" Green was inquiring on the streets Saturday if anybody had stomach trouble. Said he had heard of a number of folks who couldn't eat meat—since mutton is \$17 to \$20 on the market.

E. H. Vedder, 10 miles northeast of Mexico, brought a wagon load of corn to town Saturday, 62 bushels, and it brought him even \$73.95, for the load. It was the yellow variety. Mr. Vedder says he has 500 bushels more he will put on the market.

The Live Stock Reporter says: "J. J. Wakefield sent in a load of clipped Western lambs of his own feeding in Audrain county, that consisted of 160 head which averaged 80 pounds and sold at \$16.90. This was the highest price of the day but a dime under the record made Wednesday. Mr. Wakefield was highly pleased with the price obtained for the lambs.

No vegetable can be more easily canned than rhubarb. The large amount of acid present acts as a preservative so that it will keep if put away in sterile water and sterile jars. There is a little point in canning it in this way, however, for it must be cooked before being used. Furthermore, since it shrinks on cooking, it is a waste of space to can it raw. This is an important consideration this year especially when jars are so scarce.

The Paris Mercury reports that Wall Bybee, of Santa Fe, has bought 50 head of lambs from Everett Johnson, near Santa Fe at 14 cents per pound to go the first half of July and his wool at 45 cents per lb. Wall informs us that he wants all the good lambs he can buy at 14 cents per lb. He bought Henry Painter's lambs at 14 cents and his wool at 50 cents per lb; 66 fleeces of wool from Wm. Sterrett and 65 fleeces from Chas. Poage at 50 cents per lb and 14 clipped lambs. Claude Sterrett's wool was 47 cents per lb; 65 fleeces from Chas. Cawman at 50 cents per lb.

Judge Baker Barnes, of the Thompson neighborhood, in speaking about the 20 head of 1350 lb. steers that he sold in St. Louis last week at \$12.35, tells the Centalla Courier that he purchased them last fall and fed since December 12th. Most of the corn fed was of his own raising and the remainder purchased at 80 cents a bushel. On this basis the Judge said his cattle made money but that it is certainly an expensive proposition to feed cattle now as 60 head of steers in his lot eat up \$53.20 every day. With corn now at \$1.60 it is even worse from the feeder's standpoint and the high cattle prices are not really so high after all.